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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 9, 11, and 15 have been amended, Claims 4 – 6 have been cancelled, and Claims 18 – 25 have been added, leaving Claims 1 – 3 and 7 – 25 for consideration upon entering this amendment. The claims have been amended to further claim and clarify the present invention and not to overcome prior art of record. Support for the amendments and for the new claims can at least be found in Original Claim 7, Figure 1, and/or on page 4, line 26 – page 5, line 31, and page 6, line 25. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone conference. Discussed during this conference were the claims generally, the general precept of the present invention, and the claim coverage desired by Applicants. Also discussed was the processing of crude oil.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Preliminary Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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